



# The RITE NEWS

Valley of Sioux Falls, South Dakota



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First up: Grand Executive Director, Brother William Sizemore II, 33° GC

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*The value of knowledge is not in its possession, but in its dissemination!*

September/ October 2014

## SCOTTISH RITE ANNUAL BBQ

Please plan to attend the Scottish Rite Annual BBQ. It is held at the El Riad Shrine. Tickets were mailed in September for the event. Each member has been challenged to sell ten tickets. Remember, this is our Valley's largest fundraiser and directly supports our Rite Care Clinic operations. Brother Richard Hagler still needs volunteers to help make the event a success.

This year's menu includes pulled pork, beef, ham, baked beans, mashed potatoes and brown gravy, cole slaw and a dessert. Anyone who can't help man the event is asked to donate a dessert item. We can all help in our own way.

To volunteer, get in touch with Brother Hagler via email at [Richard.hagler@yahoo.com](mailto:Richard.hagler@yahoo.com) or by calling the office during business hours at (605) 334-8829. Remember, the Valley can't function smoothly without all of us working together to make it a success. You won't find a better meal at this price anywhere, especially one for a cause as noble as the Rite Care Clinic and the kids it serves.



By Jane Heinemeyer, Clinical Director

Fall clinic has begun at the USD Scottish Rite Children's Clinic in Sioux Falls, SD. This semester there are nine graduate student clinicians and one graduate assistant that will be working in the clinic, in addition to the regular staff of Jane Heinemeyer, Clinical Director; Angie Brown, Outreach Coordinator; Tracey Lorang, Clinical Supervisor; and Jolaine Kempema, Secretary. The graduate student clinicians come from all over South Dakota including Scotland, Brookings, Winner, Sioux Falls and other surrounding states including Iowa and North Dakota. We are finalizing our clinic client roster, and expect to have over 40 children/youth receive regular direct speech language therapy this fall. The most recent project has been expanding our clinic, which included adding two new therapy rooms and an additional office for one of the supervisors. The added space will allow better care and flexibility for our clients here at the clinic. Huge thanks to Clinic Liaison Harland Danielsen for his work on the project, and to Ron Hammer for being our remodel handyman.

Our upcoming fall activities include the annual Halloween Party, which will be held on Thursday, October 30 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. We are looking forward to working with our clients and new graduate student clinicians this semester.

## WISDOM FROM THE EAST

The Scottish Rite had good attendance of Brothers and Families at the annual District 3 all Masonic picnic at Cherry Rock Park on August 17th. Our fine fraternity of Brothers once again answered the call to gather and prepare the food for this event. I'd like to thank Jim Hoy for his leadership and all of the Brothers involved for their hard work to organize the cooking duties.

Communications through our automated messaging system has been a great way to keep the membership informed. I believe the results have been a positive step toward our goal of better participation. When you hear the warm and friendly voice of Brother Bob Weatherford reminding you of an upcoming event, degree work or meeting, come join us. It's a great tool in the very busy world we live in.

I was recently asked by the Retention Committee for my thoughts on lack of attendance in our Scottish Rite. The lack of a true sense of belonging was my response! The need to belong is a basic human need in all of us; Brothers want to feel a sense of belonging. As a member of any organization we like to feel we have something to offer. Every Brother needs to feel that their contribution, time and efforts make a difference. We need to make every Brother feel that they are important to the team's success and that we value their ideas and engagement. Every Brother can feel that true sense of belonging by getting more involved and developing closer friendships within the Brotherhood. The result is a stronger team and a more vibrant fraternity. The longer a Brother is absent or finds excuses not be involved, the harder it seems it is to come back. There is no time like the present to return, come to a meeting and get involved, your Scottish Rite needs you.

Until next time Brothers, thank you for all that you do for the good of the cause and may our Supreme Architect bless you and your loved ones.

Together in Masonry  
Quentin Everson, 32° KCCH  
Venerable Master

# FOUNDATION BOARD

## MEETING HELD IN AUGUST

*Respectfully submitted by Harland Danielsen and Tim Schendel, Directors, Scottish Rite Foundation of South Dakota for the Valley of Sioux Falls, events of the meeting as follows;*

1. The Secretary reported that the IRS Tax form 990 was submitted to the IRS by Eide Bailly. The cost remains the same as last year. Our insurance went up slightly for 2014.
2. The Treasurer gave updates on the Life Membership Account, Income and Expenses Statement, Statement of Financial Position, Endowment Contributions (which were down for 2015), and 2014 Budget Review. The acceptance of these reports was moved, seconded and approved.
3. Two other financial items were: 1) Website expense for creation and annual fees of \$657 and transfer of \$15,000 to Aberdeen Clinic Support (from 2013 budget). Both items were moved, seconded, and approved.
4. President's Report: President Larson discussed membership needs and increasing funds for the Foundation. He encouraged Valleys to have well run Rush Parties. He also discussed the Valley Membership Achievement Project (VMAP). Although participation in VMAP is not mandatory, there are many good, useful ideas in the program which Valleys can use to become better. There will be more discussion in the Orient at a later date. We also need to get our members engaged so that we do not lose them.

### Old Business

5. Scottish Rite Library - we need to hire someone to finish the library.
6. 2015 Foundation Fundraiser using Randy Riggles show. Not all Valleys wanted to participate, so no Valleys need to participate.

### New Business

7. Scholarship for Clinic Staff. A \$1000 expense allowance will be offered to each Clinic less any Supreme Council scholarship (generally \$400) to attend the upcoming RiteCare Conference in 2014. Motion was moved, seconded, and approved.
8. Fundraising for 2015: A number of items were discussed for fundraising. For any contributions of \$125 or more, a Jacket with the Scottish Rite emblem will be given as an incentive. This activity would begin in January of 2015.
9. Charles Kaufman Fellowship: President Larson discussed some opportunities with past SGIG Kaufman, who plans to give some funds to the Foundation with the restriction that they be used for Fellowships. There was some discussion but no action at this time.
10. Scottish Rite Foundation Mission Statement: A Mission Statement (see page 6) was presented and a motion to adopt it was made. Motion was moved, seconded, and approved.
11. Foundation Bylaws: President Larson discussed our current bylaws, which have not been updated in several years. He then appointed a committee to review them and report back to the Foundation Board. The committee consists of James Hoy (chairman), James Taylor, Scot Mannschreck, and Del Kroon.
12. Clinic Reports: Aberdeen has been growing and expecting

## FROM THE SECRETARY

Very soon you will receive your dues notice for 2015 in the mail. Good news, the dues remain the same as 2014, \$80.00. Of this amount \$40.50 is paid to Masonic Building Association and the Supreme Council for membership fees. That's means your valley lives on \$39.50; not enough, but the saving grace are our fund raising efforts. Each year we use funds from the BBQ, Soup & Pie and earnings from our investments to pay the bills, support membership activities and have parties for the clinic kids plus support the SF Clinic. Even with these costs our financial base grows. Here's the catch, we cannot do what we do without your dues.

Brothers, whom have not paid your 2014 dues, please do it now. If dues are a burden or you do not plan to continue as a member (we hope this is not the case) let the office know. We are here Monday – Friday 8:00am to 11:45am. Phone 605-334-8829 or email sfaasr@midconetwork.com. Dues may be paid in installments, just let us know and we can set up an installment plan.

Lots of activity coming in YOUR VALLEY, our newsletter has the facts necessary for you to be part of YOUR VALLEY activities. Off in the future but very important to the Valley is the Fall Reunion on Nov. 21st and 22nd. With a good size class and Brothers paying 2014 dues, we have a good chance of going black in membership. This has not happened since 2001. Efforts by all members will make this happen.

Very soon you will receive a letter from Brother Richard Hagler, the Valley Fund Raising Chairman, about the 2014 BBQ, being held on Oct 17th. Please buy your tickets, plan to attend and volunteer to work the event. These extra funds not only support SF Clinic activities, but also allow your Valley to give additional Fellowships to USD Speech and hearing graduate students and as well as supports other activities not supported by dues.

Mark your calendar for Dec 9, 2014, the Valley annual meeting. There will be a very nice dinner (with wine), awards, short stated meeting, election and public installation of 2015 officers. During the stated meeting our spouses & guests will have entertainment and then join us for the installation of officers.

Remember this is your Valley; the efforts of all the Brothers make the Valley successful.

Fraternally,  
**Del Kroon, 33°**  
Secretary

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more growth. Rapid City has changed names to LifeScape. Sioux Falls has finished off the additional space and moved in. During the Valley picnic, tours were given. There is a tour of our Clinic on the website. Vermillion is in the process of building new space, which will allow more children to be served.

13. The next meeting will be Saturday, March 21, 2015 at 10:00 AM Central Time at Cedar Shores in Oacoma, SD.

14. President Larson asked if Valleys have Finance Committees. None currently do, although all have budgets prepared by the Secretaries. President Larson suggested that each Valley consider the idea of having a finance committee. \*\*\*



III. Sir William Sizemore II, 33° GC

## AN INTERVIEW WITH THE GRAND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### WILLIAM SIZEMORE II, 33° GC

September 11, 2014

The Sioux Falls Valley's Rite News is honored that Ill. Sir William Sizemore II, 33° GC has agreed to grant us this interview. Brother Sizemore became Grand Executive Director after having served our Nation in the United States Navy, rising to the rank of Rear Admiral.

Brother Sizemore accumulated over 6,000 hours of flight time and 1,000 carrier arrested landings flying all models of F-14 Tomcat and FA-18 Hornet. Upon his retirement from the Navy he was Chief of Naval Air Training, where he was responsible for all U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps and the U.S. Coast Guard pilot training as well as Naval Flight Officer and Aircrew production and training. Brother Sizemore is married to his lovely Lady Diane and together they have three children, Elizabeth, Becca and Will III.

**RN:** *The first question; when and where were you raised a Master Mason?*

**WGS:** December 1990 in Virginia Beach, VA Lynnhaven Lodge #220

**RN:** *What brought you into Masonry, and the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry?*

**WGS:** My Father, Grandfather, and all my Uncles were Masons.

**RN:** *Can you tell us a little bit about your family?*

**WGS:** I am most proud to be from a family of U.S. Military Veterans. My Father and Grandfather were both in the Navy and served continuously from 1942 through 1982. My Mother's Brother was in the Army and served in combat in WWII. Both of my Father's Brothers were in the USAF and one was shot down and killed in Action during the Vietnam Conflict. I was in the Navy and served from 1976 until last year. We all volunteered to be in military and we were, or are, Master Masons. I've been married for over 30 years to a woman who is a great patriot and sacrificed much so I could serve. We have three children who are our pride and joy. I think our military families are our Nation's unsung Heroes. They go largely unnoticed and unappreciated outside of military circles. They also undergo great hardships in support of our nation, yet are so inspirational to those who are our pride and joy. They also undergo great hardships in support of our nation, yet are so inspirational to those who are around them and are, in my opinion, one of our Nation's greatest strengths.

**RN:** *I would suppose that no interview with a retired Rear Admiral would be complete without asking the obvious question everyone will want to know. Give a brief description of your naval career that culminated with your being elevated to the ranks of Admiralty.*

**WGS:** I feel very fortunate and extremely honored to have been given the privilege to serve my nation. I had a rewarding and exciting Navy career and cherish the memories and especially the friendships and bonds I made. I'd do it all over again if given the opportunity and have attached a bio if you want more specifics. *(bio available upon request)*

**RN:** Your current position at the Supreme Council, what exactly is your title and what do you do? That may seem mundane but some of the readers may not know who you are yet.

**WGS:** Grand Executive Director. My duties are laid out in the Supreme Council Statutes and essentially consist of being responsible for and overseeing the Supreme Council finances, Supreme Council / House of the Temple Staff, and the care and upkeep of the House of the Temple. I also assist the Sovereign Grand Commander and, in military terms, act as his Chief of Staff.

**RN:** *The Valley of Sioux Falls is attempting, like most Valleys, to have a revival and renewal of our membership. Our numbers have been stagnant to declining, like other Valleys nationwide, in the last few years. The Regional Workshops and the Fellows Program are geared toward helping to solve that problem but, were it totally up to you, what would your first few steps be in an effort to turn this around?*

**WGS:** The Valley Membership Achievement Project or VMAP is a grass roots, membership focused project whose sole purpose is to help Valleys provide the very best Scottish Rite experience for their members in order for our member to receive value from, and retain their membership in, the Scottish Rite. VMAP is the direct result of the feedback that was received from Scottish Rite members and Leaders at the 2014 Leadership Workshops in Portland, Biloxi, and Williamsburg. A VMAP Committee made up of leaders from around the Scottish Rite was established to study the Leadership Workshop results and it came up with VMAP.

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## A LITTLE HISTORY ABOUT THE ORIGINS OF OUR SCOTTISH RITE DOUBLE EAGLE

The symbol most widely recognized as Scottish Rite Masonry is the Double-Headed Eagle of Lagash. It is one of the oldest Royal Crests in the existence. This symbol has been in use at least a thousand years before the Hebrew Exodus from Egypt and more than 2,000 years before the building of King Solomon's Temple.

Records indicate that in the early days of modern Freemasonry the Double-Headed Eagle was first used around 1758 by a Masonic body in Paris. That Masonic body was known as "The Emperors of the East and West", and controlled the advanced Degrees then in use. It is these degrees that became a precursor of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

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## October - November 2014 Calendar of Events for all Bodies

October 2	Minnehaha 5	Stated Meeting
October 4	Blue Lodges	Masonic One Day
October 6	Trinity 200	Stated Meeting
October 6	El Riad Shrine	Bldg & Ent. Mtg / Board of Directors Mtg.
October 7	El Riad Shrine	Sportsman's Classic
October 7	York Rite	Stated Meeting
October 8	El Riad Shrine	Stated Meeting
October 9	Unity 130	Stated Meeting
October 10	El Riad Shrine	Dance Club
October 11	All Masonic	Masonic Study Group at Masonic Center
October 12	El Riad Shrine	Coin Club
October 14	Scottish Rite	Executive Council Mtg / Feast of Tishri
October 17	Scottish Rite	Scottish Rite Annual BBQ (PUBLIC EVENT)
October 21	Scottish Rite	10th, 11th and 12th Degrees 6:00 p.m.
October 23	Unity 130	Stated Meeting
October 31	El Riad Shrine	Halloween Bash - Oriental Band
November 3	Trinity 200	Stated Meeting
November 3	El Riad Shrine	Bldg & Entertainment Meeting
November 4	York Rite	Stated Meeting
November 6	Minnehaha 5	Stated Meeting
November 8	El Riad Shrine	Fall Ceremonial
November 8	All Masonic	Masonic Study Group at Masonic Center
November 9	El Riad Shrine	Coin Club
November 10	El Riad Shrine	Board of Directors Meeting
November 11	Scottish Rite	Stated Meeting
November 12	El Riad Shrine	Stated Meeting
November 13	Unity 130	Stated Meeting
November 14	El Riad Shrine	Dance Club
November 15	El Riad Shrine	Abbey Road
November 16	El Riad Shrine	Daughters of the Nile Craft Fair
November 18	Scottish Rite	13th, 14th and 15th Degrees 6:00 p.m.
November 21-22	Scottish Rite	Fall Reunion
November 27-28	El Riad Shrine	Closed for Thanksgiving
November 28	El Riad Shrine	Job's Daughters Parade of Lights

Wednesday Night Bar Hosts at El Riad Shrine  
October- Corn Palace Hillbillies November- Clowns

## HISTORY OF OUR DOUBLE HEADED EAGLE

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Our Double-Headed Eagle features the white-ribboned motto, pendant from the hilt of the sword to the point, and displaying the Latin "SPES MEA IN DEO EST", which translates "My Hope Is In God". As a Scottish Rite Mason you will recognize this phrase from the lessons taught in the 31°.

Generally, the symbolic meaning of this symbol in the Scottish Rite is that of duality contained in or resolving itself in unity. Among other things, it reminds us that as man we are composed of both body and spirit, that he is both temporary and eternal; that both good and evil exist in the world and that we must perpetually espouse good while opposing evil. It also reminds us that knowledge comes both from study and insight; and that our obligations are both to ourselves and to others; that both faith and reason are necessary.

The various symbols of the Scottish Rite do not easily reveal their meanings to us; furthermore, there may be many meanings to any one symbol. Only after thought and reflection do they fulfill their function and begin to trigger ideas in the mind. \*Reprinted by permission of the Supreme Council, 33

"Do not go where the path leads you, go where there is no path and lead the way!"

Unknown Author

## Unit & Club Meeting Dates

Big Band	Ceremonials
Big Bend T-Birds	As called
Boondockers	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday 7:00
Blast & Cast	3rd Tuesday 7:00
Brookings	2nd Thurs. 7 am Perkins
Bytes & Boards	TBA
Chanters	Tuesdays 7:00-8:30
Classie Autos	2nd Tuesday, 7:00
Clowns	1st Thursday 6:30
Corn Palace Hillbillies	Last Thursday 6:30
Culinary Unit	Ceremonials
Dance Club	Third Tuesday 7:00
Director's Staff	2nd Thursday 7:00
Dive-In	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 6:30
Fife & Drum Corp	2nd & 4th Monday 7:30
Highlanders Pipe & Drum	Monday at 6:00
Hillbillies - Outhouse	3rd Tuesday 7:00
Horse Corps	Last Sat.-Shrine Bldg. 10:00
Legion of Honor	1st Wednesday 7:00*
Lewis & Clark	3rd Tuesday 6:00
Masonic Motor Club	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 6:00
Motor Corps	3rd Wednesday 7:00
Mystic Brewers	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday 7:00
Oriental Band	Thursdays 7:00
Parker Flivvers	3rd Tuesday 6:30
Provost	4th Tuesday 7:30
Rickshaws	1st Tuesday 6:00
Ritualistic Unit	As called
Roadrunners	As called
Rock Band Rehearsals	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 7:00
Rosebud Shrine Club	As called
Shutterbugs	Last Wednesday – 7:00
Ski Club	3rd Monday
Sprint Cars	2nd & 4th Tuesday 6:30
Steel Drum Band	2nd, 3rd & 4th Thursday
Twin Lakes Shrine Club	1st Tues – 7:00 pm
Worthington	1st Mon. after Lodge

### FAVORITE JOKE OF THIS ISSUE

It seems that another Mason, a Master of his Lodge, went to Heaven and met with St. Peter. He identified himself as a member of the Craft and St. Peter asked, "What Lodge?" Proudly the Master replied, "Old Adage Lodge #1." St. Peter immediately took him to the Masonic Clock Room. The Master, in puzzlement, looked around the room which was filled with clocks. Each clock had a Lodge's name on a brass plate and, strangely enough, each clock was at a different time. He asked why and St. Peter informed him that the hands only moved when someone in that Lodge made a mistake in the Ritual. The Master then asked where his Lodge's clock was as he couldn't see it. St. Peter replied, "Why, it's in the kitchen, of course." "The kitchen," said the Master?

"Yes, you see, we needed a new fan."

**Do you have a joke for the Rite News?**

**Maybe we will print it. Send it to**

**Info@ScottishRiteSD.org and watch the next issue, maybe it will be there for all of the Brothers to enjoy.**

## Admiral Sizemore, Continued

VMAP is not a competition between Valleys or Orients. Any Valley can participate in VMAP and any Valley that does participate will be stronger, better, and will provide a superior Scottish Rite experience for its members. Take a look at the Scottish Rite Website at <http://scottishrite.org> to learn more about VMAP.

**RN:** *There has to be an inner drive or a thirst for something more that drives you to be the man you are. In your own words, describe what you believe makes a good man better within Masonry?*

**WGS:** That's pretty hard to put into a sentence or two but to me, I think Masonry re-introduces, or in some cases introduces, and reinforces, ideals of thought and behavior that most of us were taught and/or witnessed at some time in our lives. Specifically, thoughts, ideals, and behavior about how we should strive to live our lives and the example we should strive to set in all that we do and say each and every day.

**RN:** Via your work at the Supreme Council, do you feel that there was a trend of membership growth in the late 40's, late 50's and the early 70's? Speaking for the Sioux Falls Valley and having researched our membership records, that is the case here. It seems to me that Veterans returning home from service in the Military were searching for a place to belong during these times. Maybe we have leaned away, somehow, from attracting our Nation's Veterans; do you think that is a possibility, especially with your background?

**WGS:** That's an interesting concept and idea. Membership trends are indeed down after peaking in 1980 in the case of the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction. At the same time, there is a much smaller percentage of Americans that serve or have served in the military and the individual services have been and are still getting smaller. Those downward trends started and have continued since the end of the Vietnam Conflict and Cold War respectively and I expect they will continue despite 13 consecutive years of war. As such there is a smaller pool of current and former military members that could become Masons and then members of the Scottish Rite. That said, there are similarities in thought and deed between our fraternity and the military. We also share very similar core values and I think service members, both past and present, would generally find great value in being a member of the Scottish Rite.

**RN:** One thing seems to always come to my mind when I think of reasons that younger men aren't taking the step from Mason to Scottish Rite Mason, it is a fundamental lack, on our part, of providing functions that aren't just fun, but include our families. What is your take on that notion?

**WGS:** I think a lot of Valleys do try to have activities and functions that include families. The membership issue is complex and there is no single answer or silver bullet. Members are attracted to and stay in the Scottish Rite for a wide variety of reasons. The bottom line in reversing our membership trends is we need to attract more new members while retaining more existing members that we have been

doing in the recent past. In order to do that, we need provide value to both our prospective and existing members. We need to be a fraternity where men feel welcomed, valued and needed in their Valleys. I think participation in VMAP can be a way for Valleys to provide that value and to ensure our members do feel welcomed, valued and needed in their Valley.

**RN:** *Who, in Masonry, has influenced your life to the greatest extent?*

**WGS:** My Father of course.

**RN:** We briefly touched on this subject during the Fellows Conference but what are your thoughts about how some members feel like part of the decline in Scottish Rite membership has a little to do with the Shrine dropping the requirement of being in a Rite body before becoming a Shriner?

**WGS:** That certainly didn't help our membership situation but our membership trend had already started to decline before the Shrine changed their Statutes. As I tried to explain earlier, I feel the membership issue is much more complex than just that one facet. 111404474

**RN:** *I know you are a very busy man so I will wrap this up. Are there any closing thoughts that you would like our readers to know about you or think of when they think of Scottish Rite Masonry?*

**WGS:** I just want the members of the Sioux Falls Valley to know how much we appreciate them, their Masonic service and our shared Brotherhood. I would also remind my Sioux Falls Valley Brothers that the House of the Temple in Washington D.C. is THEIR House of the Temple and to come by and explore it, find me and introduce themselves, to bring their family and friends and to stay as long as they can whenever they visit our Nation's Capital!

**RN:** *I would like to once again thank you for your time to answer questions for our Valley's Rite News.*

**WGS:** You are most welcome and I look forward to seeing you either in Sioux Falls or during your next visit to the House of the Temple.

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Please be sure to let our sponsors know that you saw their logo on our Valley's newsletter and be sure to patronize their business first, when possible. Any business or person who would like sponsor, we'd love to have you. There will be a section in the next issue honoring all supporters. Call (605) 951-4386 for more information.

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See a video at [www.scottishritesd.org](http://www.scottishritesd.org)

# GOOD OF THE FRATERNITY

## HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?

2014 Dues should have been paid before January 1, 2014 or you are considered delinquent! Thanks to those members who have paid their dues for 2014. If you are one of the ones who have not paid your 2014 or any prior year's dues, we remind you that **you are in violation of your obligation.**

Please remit as soon as possible. Your promptness in this matter will enable us to meet our financial obligations as a Valley. We depend on you to do what is right for the Rite. If you are unable to meet your obligation, please contact the Secretary at once. (605)334--8829 or via email at [sfaasr@midconetwork.com](mailto:sfaasr@midconetwork.com).

## SOMETHING NEW!

### Mission Statement of the Scottish Rite Foundation of South Dakota

The Scottish Rite Foundation of South Dakota supports Rite Care clinics in South Dakota and provides fellowships to graduate students. Rite Care clinics in South Dakota provide speech and language services to children affected by speech and language disorders without regard for their ability to pay. Fellowships are awarded to graduate level students in the Department of Communications and Disorders at the University of South Dakota

## ASK THE DEPUTY

Did you know that you can ask our Deputy to the Supreme Council a question anytime you'd like? Illustrious Sir Larson has a section in the Sioux Falls Blog section of the South Dakota Scottish Rite website. Simply go to [www.scottishritesd.org](http://www.scottishritesd.org) and register within the Sioux Falls Valley section of the Blog and then, ask away. Deputy Larson is very proactive and will answer any question as soon as possible.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BROTHERS WITH BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER / NOVEMBER

### October

Richard Reid- Joe Pickens- Lyle Schroeder- Marlin Winkleman- Robert Head- Daniel Wiedemeier- Lowell Hanson- Dorsay Withers  
Michael Howes- Richard Alick- Thomas Mark- Jerry Chaon- Clifford Cole- Joel Rosenthal- Gary Rosemore- David Driver- Wayne Halma  
Michael Peil- Gary Griffith- Tom Reaves- Robert Joyce- Timothy Lange- Jeffery Malone- Joseph Swan- Don Harder

### November

James Westra – Ronald Hammer – Curtis Hage – Jeffrey Parker – Charles Niles – Michael Walz – Bruce Wallin – Richard Burns  
John Fiksdal – Robert Adams – Robert Hayes – Patrick Colbert – Dennis Aanenson – Drew Anderson – Lawrence Johnson  
Robert Scott – Brian Bonde – Todd Jensen – James Burma – Paul Maxwell – Paul Hauffe

## SCOTTISH RITE MASONS HELPING

### THOSE IN NEED

Brother Richard Hagler and his wife Shirlene hosted a benefit BBQ at their home for Pam Elsing. Pam has been undergoing

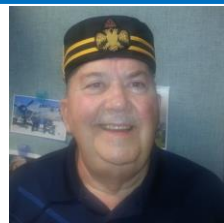


treatment for terminal cancer and this party was a celebration of her life. 50 friends showed up to make this celebration a great success. This is a fine example of what Masons do, especially Scottish Rite Masons. Of the 50 in attendance, 8 were Masons.

Brother Dick Costain agreed to do all of the cooking of the meat for this event and, as always, not one person left without a satisfying and delicious meal being served to them.

A total of just over \$1,100 was raised by this event. Richard and Shirlene would like to thank all who came out to support Pam, especially his Masonic Brothers. Another fine example of Scottish Rite Masonry in action in Sioux Falls! Events like showcase the true meaning of Masonry.

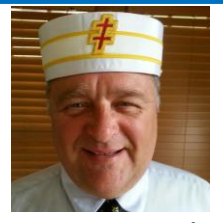
## THOUGHTS OF A BROTHER



Dennis Bachman, 32°



Quentin Everson, 32° KCCB



Denny Kaarup, 33°

**Why do you think there is such a low percentage of Brothers who are willing to participate in the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry?**

**Bro. Dennis Bachman-** Allot of the gentlemen belong to a Lodge, Scottish Rite and Shrine units and family functions and I think they run out of time in their lives.

**Bro. Quentin Everson-** The lack of a true sense of belonging!

**Bro. Denny Kaarup-** In the past, many members participated in the Degree work. Since the change in our ritual, the "old guard" have mostly opted for retirement and we have been left with only a few to shoulder the workload of presenting Degree work. Our members have plenty to do and we need to bring back the fun in order to attract more members to help.

## NEW TO THE ORIENT?

Are you a new Brother to the Orient and the Valley of Sioux Falls? We want to stay in touch and fellowship with you. Please be sure that the Valley Secretary has your current phone number, email address and physical mailing address on file. Within the envelope you received your BBQ tickets, was an information card. Please fill it out and return it with your ticket sales money, in the envelope provided. There will be two drawings for Scottish Rite memorabilia that all who return the card will be entered into.

Please don't miss out on all the exciting changes on the horizon for our Valley.

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## FEAST OF TISHRI CHANGES

Until this year, the Annual Feast of Tishri Festival has been a "members only" event. The Sioux Falls Valley is proud to announce that the 2014 Feast of Tishri Festival will be open to Brothers and their Ladies or guests. **Please RSVP to Del Kroon at (605) 334-8829** if you plan to attend and bring your Lady or a guest so that proper plans can be made. The Feast will be held immediately following the October 14th Meeting. We will hold a brief meeting so guests shouldn't have too long to wait.

According to the Book of forms and Traditions of the Scottish Rite, the Feast of Tishri is one of the most important of all the Scottish Rite Festivals. Celebrating the meanings of the Feast is to summarize the principle ideals and traditions of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry.

**PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND OCTOBER 14th**

## Did you find it?

It's in there somewhere!

If you located your SR Membership # in this issue, please notify the Secretary, the Venerable Master or any member of the Membership Retention Committee to claim your Scottish Rite prize.

## PIKE TRIVIA

Did you know that, Pike first joined the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in **1840** then had in the interim, joined a Masonic Lodge and became extremely active in the affairs of the organization, being elected Sovereign Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite's Southern Jurisdiction in **1859**? He remained Sovereign Grand Commander for the remainder of his life (a total of thirty-two years), devoting a large amount of his time to developing the rituals of the order. Notably, he published a book called *Morals and Dogma of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry* in **1871**, of which there were several subsequent editions

Pike served in the Regiment of Arkansas Volunteers as a Captain in **1846** and **1847**. Pike was discharged in June **1847** and his difference of opinion with his former commander culminated in an "inconclusive" duel on July 29, **1847** near Ft. Smith, AR. In **1853**, Pike returned to New Orleans and practiced law until **1857**. An important item to note, Pike commanded no white or black troops, only American Indians.

Pike **was** charged with insubordination and treason (by the Confederate States of America) and was briefly held in Warren, TX but his resignation from the Confederate Army on July 12, **1862** was accepted on November 11, **1862** and he was allowed to return to Arkansas. This all happened **after** his election as Sovereign Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite's Southern Jurisdiction in **1859**.

## Refresh Your Memory

**The 6th° - Intimate Secretary.** The Sixth Degree teaches that devotion to ones friends and zealousness in performing ones duties are rewarding virtues.

**The 7th° - Provost & Judge.** The Seventh Degree teaches us to judge righteously, without respect to person, and that one law and one custom shall apply to all, let justice be impartial, tempered with deserved mercy.

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It is the mission of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, SJ, to improve its members and enhance the communities in which they live by teaching and emulating the principles of Brotherly Love, Tolerance, Charity and Truth while actively embracing high social, moral and spiritual values including fellowship, compassion, and dedication to God, family and country.

## STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Fulfill the promise of additional Masonic Knowledge through education and training.

Build a positive public image of Freemasonry and the Scottish Rite.

Support and expand our philanthropic activities.

Provide a framework for effective leadership to ensure the stability and long term success of our fraternity.

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